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SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON

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1. CHARGE CALLED ON GOL FOREIGN MINISTER BOUTROS AT 1300 AUGUST 30 AND INFORMED HIM OF APPROACH USG IS MAKING TO ISRAELIS. IN RESPONSE TO BOUTROS' REQUEST, CHARGE GAVE HIM USG PRELIMINARY REACTION TO HIS PRESENTATION, DRAWING ON POINTS PARA TWO REFTEL. CHARGE ALSO ADDED THAT USG DOES NOT REPEAT NOT ENDORSE CAIRO ACCORD AND ADDED THAT WE WOULD FIND IT MUCH EASIER TO SUPPORT BOUTROS' SCENARIO WITH THE ISRAELIS IF THERE IS AN EXPLICIT COMMITMENT BY THE PALESTINIANS TO REFRAIN FROM MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST ISRAEL FROM LEBANON.

2. BOUTROS RESPONDED IMMEDIATELY THAT "THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE." HE SAID THAT FOR ANY PALESTINIAN TO MAKE SUCH A STATEMENT WOULD BE TANTAMOUNT TO TREASON. HE HOPED HOWEVER THAT AT APPROPRIATE MOMENT PALESTINIANS COULD
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BE PERSUADED TO ISSUE A DECLARATION THAT THEY WOULD NOT TAKE ANY ACTION IN SOUTHERN LEBANON THAT COULD ENDANGER THE CEASE-FIRE, OR SOMETHING ALONG THIS LINE.

3. ON QUESTION OF LOCATION OF RESIDUAL PALESTINIAN ARMED ELEMENTS IN "MIDDLE SECTOR," FURTHER DISCUSSION REVEALED THAT IN OUR PREVIOUS DISCUSSION BOUTROS

AND GENERAL KHOURY HAD BEEN REFERRING TO THE DISTRICT (CASA) OF BINT JBAYL, WHICH RUNS FROM THE ISRAELI BORDER TO THE LITANI RIVER, AND NOT THE TOWN.

4. BOUTROS SAID THAT THE LEBANESE WERE STILL DISCUSSING WITH THE SYRIANS JUST HOW MANY PALESTINIANS, BOTH REFUGEES AND FIGHTERS, SYRIA WILL TAKE. WHEN CHARGE ASKED IF PALESTINIANS WOULD BE WILLING TO GO TO SYRIA, BOUTROS REPLIED "I EXPECT SO". BOUTROS HAD NO FURTHER DETAILS ON SIZE AND LOCATION OF PALESTINIAN PRESENCE THAT WOULD BE PERMITTED IN THE ARQUB. ALL HE WOULD SAY ON TIMING IS THAT NEGOTIATIONS ARE STILL GOING ON AND NO FINAL DECISIONS HAVE BEEN REACHED BUT HE "HOPED" (INSHALLAH) THAT SOME LEBANESE TROOPS WOULD BE IN THE SOUTH BEFORE HE LEAVES FOR THE UNGA SESSION.

5. BOUTROS IS LEAVING FOR ARAB LEAGUE MEETING IN CAIRO FRIDAY MORNING, SEP 2, AND SAID HE HOPED TO HAVE ISRAELI REACTION BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE. HE NOTED THAT HE WOULD BE SEEING THE SYRIANS IN CAIRO.
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